

Minutes

TO: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

FROM: Leon Davidoff, Chairperson

DATE: September 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

IN ATTENDANCE: Leon Davidoff, Clare Kindall, Denise Hall, Shari Cantor, Harry Captain, Chris Barnes, Ron Van Winkle, Mark McGovern, Pat Alair, Steve Huleatt, Aimee Eberly

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Monday, September 15, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. Ordinances

Health

- Pool Ordinance

The Committee discussed a proposed ordinance for the regulation of public pools by the Health District. Presently District regulates these pools through the state health code. This ordinance would regulate these pools through a local ordinance that would require a licensing fee and potential fines. The ordinance will be placed on the next Town Council agenda to be set for public hearing.

- Salon Ordinance

The Committee discussed a proposed regulation of barbering, hairdressing, cosmetology, nail, tanning, tattoo and body piercing salons. State law allows the Health District to regulate and enforce sanitary practices at these salons. The Committee asked that the Health District do further outreach to the affected businesses and provide additional input to the Committee.

Community Services

- Liquor Ordinances

The Committee discussed two ordinances for establishments selling liquor. The first requires per State law that when a liquor permit is being renewed before the State Liquor Control Commission that notice be given to the Chief of Police. This ordinance will be placed on the next Town Council agenda to be set for public hearing.

The second ordinance would regulate the area allowed for a bar within a restaurant. Our local ordinances require that restaurants be primarily for the service of food and liquor should be ancillary to the service of food. Restaurants opened in West Hartford have had bar areas as large as 47% of the total square footage. The ordinance would require that future restaurant have a bar area no larger than 35% of the total area and that the bar be separated from the restaurant. The Committee asked for additional information regarding this proposal before considering sending it to the Town Council.

2. Natural Hazard Plan Resolution

The Council had previously adopted a draft Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. This resolution is to adopt the final plan which was written by the Capitol Region Council of Government for all towns of the region. The final plan does not differ in any particular way from the previously adopted draft plan, but the adoption of the final plan is required by FEMA in order for the town to receive possible future grants. This will be place on the next Council agenda.

3. Complete streets resolution

The Committee recommended the complete streets resolution be sent to the Town Council for adoption.

4. UConn

The Committee discussed the progress the staff is making in the analysis of the UConn site. The staff has been through each building to evaluate conditions and investigated concerns about the site. The site is substantially covered by wetlands and flood plains. We have requested from UConn documentation of deferred maintenance studies, wetlands mapping and other physical information. The State has not yet made a determination on the need for an EIS.

5. Parking update

The Committee did not discuss this item.

6. Economic Development update

Mark McGovern discussed economic development activity in the Town.

C: Town Council

Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors